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TAGS: PFOR PINS AO CG PO TZ ZA

SUBJ: OMER MARCHAL EMPHASIZES FNLA'S STRONG HAND

REF: KINSHASA 8652

1. OCT 16 ISSUE OF WEEKLY "SPECIAL" CARRIES ARTICLE BY OMER MARCHAL (WHO TENDS TO REFLECT MOBUTU THINKING) WHOSE THEME IS THAT FNLA AND MOBUTU ARE ONLY IMPORTANT AFRICAN FIGURES PORTUGUESE NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN ARRANGING FOR ANGOLA'S FUTURE. MAIN POINTS FOLLOW. A RECENT FNLA ROCKET ATTACK ON LUANDA AIRPORT JUST AS FULLY LOADED BOEING 747 OF TAP WAS LANDING VIRTUALLY FORCED GOP TO SEND GENERAL FONTES PEREIRA DE MELO TO COME TO KINSHASA TO NEGOTIATE WITH FNLA'S HOLDEN ROBERTO WHOSE MILITARY MEANS ARE NOW LIMIT-  
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LESS. MELO'S DELEGATION BECAME AWARE THAT MOBUTU, THROUGH HOLDEN,

COULD STRIKE ANYWHERE IN ANGOLA. BY MEETING MPLA'S CHIPENDA UNDER MOBUTU'S AUSPICES THEY ALSO SAW THAT MPLA IS HOPELESSLY SPLIT. CONSEQUENTLY IT BECAME CLEAR THAT FNLA IS ONLY POSSIBLE GOVERNING FORCE FOR ANGOLA. HOLDEN'S OCT 12 ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES MEANS THAT HOLDEN AND MOBUTU RESERVE RIGHT TO REACTIVATE STRIKING FORCE IF CERTAIN PEOPLE IN LISBON OR BRAZZAVILLE NEED TO BE SHOWN WHO HOLDS KEYS TO PEACE IN ANGOLA. HOLDEN'S VICTORY IS VICTORY FOR MOBUTU'S DIPLOMACY WHICH LISBON NOW RESPECTS. WHILE MOBUTU WILL NOT REESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH LISBON UNTIL TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF PORTUGUESE COLONIES IS ACHIEVED, HE HAS AGREED THAT GOP CAN OPEN CONSULATE IN KINSHASA "TO FACILITATE CERTAIN KINDS OF WORK", AND ZAIRE WILL OPEN ONE IN LUANDA. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY SAYING OTHER ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAVE THUS BEEN LEFT BEHIND AND WILL PROBABLY FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CATCH UP. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. COMMENT: ARTICLE NOTABLE FOR ITS TOUGH TONE AND FACT THAT IT GIVES SHORT SHRIFT TO MPLA'S CHIPENDA FACTION AND TO UNITA, BOTH OF WHICH WERE TREATED IN MARCHAL'S PRECEDING ARTICLE (REFTEL) AS VIRTUAL PARTNERS OF FNLA. THREATENING REFERENCE TO "CERTAIN PEOPLE" IN BRAZZAVILLE PRESUMABLY MEANS NETO AND HIS FOLLOWERS.  
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